

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-31 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited art.

All of the claims, i.e, Claims 1-32, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Aratani '675. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicants' invention relates to a display apparatus for displaying images from a plurality of information processing apparatuses. The apparatus includes image inputting means for inputting respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses, display controlling means for constructing on a display screen display regions in which respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses are displayed, and inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information. In addition, determining means determines an information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent, based on the input signal input by the inputting means. As amended, Claim 1 recites communication means that sends to the determined information processing apparatus information converted from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to that information processing apparatus.

Claims 6 and 11 are directed to a method for controlling a display apparatus displaying images and a program for making a computer perform control of the display apparatus displaying images, respectively, and correspond substantially to Claim 1. These claims have thus also been amended to include sending to a determined information processing

apparatus information converted from a coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the information processing apparatus to which the input signal is sent.

In Claim 12, a display apparatus performs display based on a first image signal and a second image signal. The first image signal is an image signal from a first information processing apparatus, and the second signal is an image signal from a second information processing apparatus. The display apparatus includes a receiving circuit receiving the first and second image signals, a coordinate information receiving circuit receiving signals from a coordinate input device that transforms into a signal an indicated position on a display surface on which a screen based on the first image signal or a screen based on the second image signal or a screen based on both of the first and second image signals is displayed, and a determination circuit for determining whether the inputted input signal is outputted to the first information processing apparatus or to the second information processing apparatus. Claim 12 has been amended similarly to Claim 1 to recite a communication circuit sending to the determined information processing apparatus information converted from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus.

In accordance with Applicants' invention, images from a plurality of information processing apparatuses can be displayed with high quality.

The Aratani patent relates to a display control apparatus for controlling a multiwindow display of data input from a plurality of image sources. Aratani uses a display pointer controller 21 as an input and output device for controlling a plurality of image sources. A

joystick 22 as the display pointer controller is used to move a superposition data figure between the areas of the displayed images for selecting an image to be controlled. X and Y coordinates are established for the display region based on the equations in column 11, lines 48-51. In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, however, Aratani does not teach or suggest, among other features, sending information converted from the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information of a display region corresponding to the determined information processing apparatus.

On page 4 of the Office Action (paragraph 1), it is asserted that Aratani teaches determining means that converts coordinate information indicated by the input signal into absolute coordinate information of a display region. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the identified section of Aratani, i.e., column 9, line 39 through column 10, line 47 (or any other section in Aratani), does not teach converting the coordinate information into an absolute coordinate information as set forth in Applicants' claimed invention.

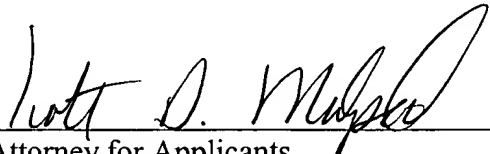
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-4, 7-9 and 13-31 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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